



# CHRIST OVERFLOWING

## Christ is the Reconciler

*Colossians 1:21-23*

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1. Read Ephesians 2:1-3. How does it compare to Colossians 1:21? How would you describe the spiritual condition of people without Christ? What would you say to someone who might object to the harsh terminology used in these passages to describe people who are not followers of Christ?
2. Colossians 1:22 says that "he has reconciled you." What does the word "reconciliation" imply about our previous standing with God? What are some common ways in which people are reconciled to each other? Do you believe that reconciliation with God can be a catalyst for a person's reconciliation with others? If so, how?
3. In Colossians 1:22, we are told that we ourselves are a holy, faultless, and blameless presentation by Christ. To whom do you believe Christ presents us? Do you feel holy, faultless, and blameless? If your feelings about yourself contradict what God's Word says about you, which is the truth?
4. In Colossians 1:23, what is the condition for our presentation by Christ as ones who are "holy, faultless, and blameless before him?" What do you believe it means to "remain grounded and steadfast in the faith?" What would be the difference between a Christian who sins and a person who is ungrounded and unsteadfast? What do you believe is "the hope of the gospel?" Do you have this hope today?

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21 Once you were alienated and hostile in your minds as expressed in your evil actions. 22 But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through his death, to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before him— 23 if indeed you remain grounded and steadfast in the faith and are not shifted away from the hope of the gospel that you heard. This gospel has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and I, Paul, have become a servant of it.

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